

Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Held on April 15, 2015 at the Board of Education Building, Hunting Hill Avenue

Called to Order at 5:35 PM

Members present:

Vincent Loffredo, Judy Yoder, David Bauer, John Giuliano, Cheryl McClellan and Natalie Forbes, the new Grant's Coordinator.

Absent members were Marco Gaylord, Dr. Patricia Charles, Steven Kovach, Ed McKeon and Thomas Serra

I. Discussion on UIC Energy, LLC (Innovative Solutions for Green Energy)

UIC has been out to the Keigwin Middle School and should have something to give to Judy Yoder by April 21, 2015. There will be two (2) handouts for the Board Meeting and all information will be in the Board packet.

II. Status/update of School Infrastructure and Type of Proposed Plan

This item is status quo.

III. Overview Checklist of Visited Schools

Will discuss and review this item at next meeting on May 20, 2015.

IV. OCG Update and Status

Brig Smith has been working on this item.

V. Discussion on Sidewalk(s) and Roof Repair(s)

The Spencer and Woodrow Wilson's roofs were reviewed and submitted to the Builders Risk insurance for review and approval. These repairs will be paid through the insurance claim. Discussions are on-going with respect for scheduling the work at both schools.

All sidewalk repairs due to the harsh hard winter will be reviewed for cost and implementation. Once this has been established, a plan of action will be implemented for the work to commence.

The Farm Hill sidewalk will need to be re-engineered in order to pitch the water away from the building. The parking lot at Farm Hill is also being discussed to obtain an additional twenty (20) spaces of parking. The bus loop will be implemented this summer.

VI. Planning for Middletown Parks and Sports Venues

David Bauer said that there is a plan for \$28 million in bonding money for all the Parks throughout Middletown that will aid in obtaining organized sport especially at Woodrow Wilson Middle School and the Pat Kidney fields. These are considered priorities and discussions about artificial turf fields which are an upgrade may be available for all activities. The plan includes 2 full size baseball fields with a movable fence and could be utilized for lacrosse and a football field as well as a facility for track and field.

The City has authorized tennis courts which we would provide six (6) to be built on Hunting Hill/Newtown Street location. The Common Council has approved the project but now this project will need to be put forth as a referendum in November. A building committee will need to be established and the fact that we can't do it all at once will mean we need people who can commit and be involved with the entire issue.

VII. Other Miscellaneous Items

Natalie Forbes, the new Grants Coordinator met with the committee per Vinnie Loffredo's request and spoke about the three (3) grants that she is working on. First, 2013 front door accessibility project at Central Office is moving forward and has a signed contract, second is the CDBG 2014 bathroom accessibility project that is in process of obtaining a quote so that it can be started before June 30, 2015. Third is the ramp project that is going before CAC and not sure of the concerns that the community will have. Judy Yoder stated that she needs a timeline and that she will be receiving quotes from three (3) different contractors as well as information to return from Bruce Driska. If this happens to get turned down we could fight the ADA accessibility code because everyone got grandfathered in and Judy Yoder believed that we could have a good case but would have to bring the problems back up to code.

Vinnie Loffredo said that steps are to be taken by both the City and State on the two State grants (Woodrow Wilson and MacDonough). The majority of the contracts have been signed and monies have been set in place awaiting the schedules and contractors are ready to move as well.

David Bauer had asked about the Keigwin fire alarm grant project which began this week and the fact that \$750K was borrowed on the school administration side but only took \$500K. Judy Yoder said there is a \$750K bond for City, Fire and Police departments as well as on the school side. Representatives from the Fire, Police, City, IT department, Board of Ed are involved and Joe Samolis is chairperson of the committee. A separate purchase order will be for each school and all work will start by July 2015.

Vinnie Loffredo suggested that fuel cell issues be discussed at the next meeting and they can also be brought to Senator Paul Doyle's attention if we are going to keep the fuel cell for a long period of time. We will need to find a company that can write a new contract.

George Dunn is working on the generator at Middletown High School since it is an emergency shelter. The new technology may be able to update the system.

Future meetings are at the following locations:

- 05/20 will be at the Adult Ed Building on 398 Main Street, 06/17, 09/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16 and 01/20/16 meetings will be at the Board of Education and all meetings will start 5:30 PM.
- There are no meetings in July and August 2015

Meeting adjourned 6:41 PM.

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